

Time, venue and duration of the next session

Note by the Secretariat

1. Pursuant to the request at the 12th meeting of the General Committee, there follows a list of those bodies whose sessions during the period March-June 1976 have already been entered in the tentative United Nations calendar for 1976 and whose level of required services is such that a recommendation by the Conference on the Law of the Sea for the convening of its fourth session at the same time would give rise to particular difficulties which would have to be taken into account by the General Assembly when it considers the Conference's recommendation:

For New York venue:

13 April - 14 May: Economic and Social Council

For Geneva venue:

9-19 March: UNCTAD Trade and Development Board

22 March for five weeks: UNCTAD Commodity Conference (Wheat)

Elsewhere but served by New York and/or Geneva

3-28 May: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth session, Nairobi

27 May - 14 June: Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver

2. Scheduling of Geneva conference facilities for May and June 1976 includes:

5-28 May: World Health Assembly

2-24 June: International Labour Conference

Meetings of these two bodies occupy the available space at the Palais des Nations.

Further, these meetings together with UNCTAD IV in Nairobi almost entirely dispose of the available free-lance linguistic personnel upon which the servicing of the Conference on the Law of the Sea would be, at least to a large extent, dependent.

3. For general information, the Diplomatic Conference on Humanitarian Law is scheduled for April/June 1976 in Geneva.

4. The above information is limited to notable meetings which give rise to substantial conference servicing requirements - space and staff - which the Secretariat cannot ensure simultaneously with the Conference on the Law of the Sea. It does not attempt to list the entire range of United Nations bodies already scheduled to meet in the period in question but whose servicing needs were taken into account in the dates indicated by the Secretariat at the 12th meeting of the General Committee as ones during which a session of the Conference could be most readily accommodated in early 1976. Those dates were, assuming a level of services equivalent to that used at the present session of the Conference:

New York: 2 February - 9 April

Geneva: 19 January - 5 March